

VOLUME VI
MUSINGS OF GENE EARNER
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HOW COME WOMENS' SMILES ARE USUALLY BETTER THAN MENS?

IN CHICAGO THE FIRST OF SPRING SHOULD BE CALLED THE LAST DAY OF WINTER BECAUSE SPRING DOESN'T START IN CHICAGO UNTIL ABOUT MAY 1ST. IN BETWEEN MARCH 20TH AND MAY 1ST SHOULD BE CALLED LIMBO.

ERIN'S SPELL CHECK ON HER COMPUTER COULDN'T SPELL "MY WYWMY PO PULSKU" CORRECTLY.

THE PEOPLE THAT WRITE THE HOROSCOPES IN THE DAILY PAPERS MUST BE ON 90 PROOF MOONSHINE. MINE NEVER COMES CLOSE TO AS HOW MY DAY WENT.

IF ANYONE IS HAVING A SLOW DAY YOU CAN CLICK ON TO WWW.THOSELEOMEN.COM AND SEE A PICTURE OF A 17 YEAR OLD GENE EARNER WITH A FULL HEAD OF HAIR. YOU CAN ALSO VIEW VOLUMES ONE THROUGH SIX. THAT'S WHAT MUSINGS ARE ABOUT.

TWO OF MY FAVORITE PEOPLE:

FORMER ILLINOIS, HARLEM GLOBETROTTER AND ROBBINS DRUGS (95TH & LOOMIS) STAR BASKETBALL PLAYER GOVONER VAUGHN HAS NOW RETIRED TO PHOENIX AND IS NOW A STAR SALESMAN FOR LINCOLN-MERCURY IN MESA, ARIZONA. IF YOU ARE EVER DOWN THAT WAY LOOK HIM UP AND REMIND HIM OF HIS GLORIOUS DAYS AT RIDGE AND FOSTER PARKS.

I COACHED BOB BETTINARDI IN 6TH GRADE BASKETBALL IN EVERGREEN PARK. BOB IS NOW THE OWNER OF BETTINARDI GOLF PUTTERS WHICH ARE THE LINCOLN TOWN CARS OF THE GOLF INDUSTRY, SOLD WORLD WIDE, AND LOCATED IN TINLEY PARK, ILLINOIS.

WHO WAS THE DUMMY THAT STARTED THE SAYING OF "THE WHOLE NINE YARDS?" IT TAKES 10 YARDS TO MAKE A FIRST DOWN.

TWO OF MY DESIRES IN LIFE THAT I NEVER ACHIEVED WERE LEARNING TO IRISH STEP DANCE AND TO PLAY THE PIANO. NOT EVEN CLOSE. TOO LATE NOW.

AN OLDE IRISH SAYING: AN IRISHMAN DELIVERING A POLITICAL SPEECH IS MOST APPRECIATED WHEN HE SITS DOWN.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BIG TEN COLLEGE FOOTBALL, NORTHWESTERN HAS THE BEST DEAL IN THE MIDWEST. ONE PRE-SEASON AND TWO CONFERENCE GAMES FOR \$100. (3/\$100). NO EXTRA FEES LIKE NOTRE DAME!!! OR THREE CONFERENCE GAMES FOR \$120.

GO PURPLE!!!

AS FOR NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL: THE PRICE OF A TICKET WITH THE EXTRA FEES IS ABOUT \$90. WAY OUT OF LINE. THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED MANY TIMES TO JOIN THE BIG TEN. IT WOULD BE PERFECT GEOGRAPHICALLY AND THEIR SCHEDULE WOULD BE MORE COMPETITIVE THAN THE LIKES OF ARMY, AIR FORCE, DUKE, STANFORD AND NORTH CAROLINA. THEY ARE TOO GREEDY AND DON'T WANT TO SHARE ANY REVENUE WITH A CONFERENCE. THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR N.B.C. CONTRACT AND COMPLY WITH THE C.F.A. THEY WOULD HAVE TO GIVE UP THEIR SKY HIGH PRICES. DUKE VS. NOTRE DAME-\$90?

LOOK ALIKES? MY GRANDSON SEAN CALLAHAN AND LUKE HARANGODY OF NOTRE DAME. STEVE STONE AND JACK FITZGERALD (LEO). ALLISON PAYNE (W.G.N. T.V.) AND CANDACE PARK OF TENNESSEE. DAN ROAN AND STEWART CINK (GOLFER).

NOW THAT WRIGLEY FIELD FINALLY HAS A FORMER CUB STAR PLAYER (ERNIE BANKS) WITH HIS STATUE OUT IN FRONT OF WRIGLEY THE HARRY CARAY STATUE SHOULD BE DONATED TO THE HARRY CARAY RESTAURANT.

FELT VERY GOOD TO SEE MY GRANDAUGHTER MEGHAN MALONEY'S PICTURE IN THE DAILY SOUTHTOWN. SHE WON A \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP (SPREAD OVER 4 YEARS), TO THE COLLEGE OF HER CHOICE. SHE IS A GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. MEGHAN WILL GRADUATE FROM QUEEN OF PEACE IN MAY. MEGHAN WAS ALSO A CO-CAPTAIN OF THE ST. LAURENCE CHEERLEADERS.

I WAS BORN INTO A CUB FAMILY. AS FOR WRIGLEY FIELD: WRIGLEY FIELD IS THE 3RD NAME THE BALL PARK HAS HAD. SINCE THE TRIBUNE COMPANY BOUGHT THE CUBS AND THE PARK SKY BOXES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. THEY BLOCK THE VIEW OF FLYBALLS TO THE OUTFIELD. SIT IN THE BACK PART OF THE LOWER DECK AND HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCE. TEAR IT DOWN AND GO MODERN AND BUILD A NEW ONE SOMEWHERE ELSE.

ALSO DO AWAY WITH \$35 PARKING FEES. MILLER PARK IN MILWAUKEE HAS A DOMED ROOF AND AMPLE PARKING AT \$8 TO \$15. A ROUGH CHECK I TOOK SHOWS THAT ABOUT 26 MAJOR LEAGUE BALL PARKS HAVE BEEN DONE AWAY WITH SINCE WORLD WAR II. THE NEW BALL PARKS ALL HAVE GOOD SIGHT LINES FOR THE FANS. JIM THOMPSON AND ASSOCIATES REMOVED A WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD TO KEEP THE WHITE SOX IN CHICAGO AND JERRY REINSFORF CHANGED THE NAME. THE ONLY ONES TO COMPLAIN WERE THE RESIDENTS WHO HAD TO MOVE. EVEN SUPER FAN RICHIE DALEY DIDN'T COMPLAIN. JUST LIKE STELLA FOSTER SAYS, "THERE I SAID IT."

ACCORDING TO THE NIGHTLY NEWS I DON'T HAVE TO DRINK 8 GLASSES OF WATER PER DAY ANYMORE. WHAT A RELIEF!!!

VERY GLAD TO SEE DUTCHIE CAREY STOP THE GOOFY AT&T COMMERCIAL MIMICING HARRY.

I SEE "FAST EDDIE" VYRDOLAK IS IN THE NEWS AGAIN. MAKES ME FEEL BETTER THAN EVER THAT I REFUSED TO LET HIM ENTER THE ST. MARGARET'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY WITH HIS CAMPAIGN LITERATURE.

APRIL 25TH IS THE LEO ALUMNI BANQUET. SEVEN OF THE EARNER FAMILY WILL BE THERE. I WILL SING THE LEO FIGHT SONG TO CLOSE THE PROGRAM (PEP RALLY) SHOULD BE FUN.

APRIL 26TH IS THE NORTHWESTERN SPRING INTRA SQUAD GAME. MORE THAN LIKELY I'LL GO BY MYSELF.

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY (APRIL 11TH) TO MY NIECE JUDY EARNER STOKES. JUDY WAS OUR FLOWER GIRL IN 1954. JUDY HAS LIVED IN MONTANA FOR ABOUT 35 YEARS.

I WISH W.G.N. T.V. HAD A (K-ZONE) FOR BASEBALL GAMES.

JIM KNAFF NOTED AT THIS 80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY AFTERNOON VESPERS HAVE CEASED SINCE THE START OF SATURDAY EVENING MASSES.

TWO SEASONS AGO THE BEARS PLAYED IN THE SUPER BOWL IN FLORIDA IN A STEADY RAIN. ALL SUPER BOWLS SHOULD BE PLAYED IN A DOMED STADIUM. I BELIEVE THERE ARE 7 AVAILABLE.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SHOULD PUT A RULE INTO THEIR BY-LAWS THAT NO TEAM SHOULD HAVE A CORPORATION AS IT'S OWNER. CAROL MARIN FOR COMMISSIONER!!! CAROL IS MUCH BRIGHTER THAT BUD SELIG!!! BETTER LOOKING TOO!!!

ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF "I'LL GIVE YOU A DAISY-A-DAY DEAR." IT TELLS OF AN OLDE MAN WALKING TO THE HILLTOP IN THE CEMETERY TO GIVE HIS LATE WIFE "A DAISY-A-DAY." I STILL HAVE ALL OF MY MEMORIES WHEN I GO TO THE CEMETERY EVERY DAY AND GIVE DONNA "A DAISY-A-DAY."

A LETTER I RECEIVED TODAY STATES THAT THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY OF A LEO HIGH SCHOOL FUTURE CAMPUS EXPANSION, THANKS TO OUR GREAT PRESIDENT AND LEADER BOB FOSTER. TODAY, THE SPIRIT AT LEO IS THE SAME AS IT WAS WHEN I WAS A STUDENT AT LEO IN THE LATE 40'S. GO ORANGE AND BLACK!!! TO ALL ALUMS. PLEASE MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND LEO GAMES, FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL. IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD YEAR FOR BOTH.

ONE FINAL NOTE ON NORTHWESTERN. ON MAY 5TH I WILL BE GOING TO DYCHE STADIUM TO PURCHASE 6 TICKETS PER GAME FOR 4 DIFFERENT GAMES.

AUGUST 30TH - SYRACUSE
OCTOBER 11TH - MICHIGAN STATE
OCTOBER 18TH - PURDUE
NOVEMBER 22ND - ILLINOIS

TICKETS ARE MOSTLY FOR MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. I WILL SAVE ONE TICKET FOR ANY FEMALE FRIEND OR ACQUAINTANCE. I BELIEVE IT IS A MOST ENJOYABLE DAY STARTING WITH BREAKFAST IN EVANSTON. ALL SEATS WILL BE UNDER THE CANOPY IN CASE OF RAIN OR HEAT.

GOD BLESS EVERYONE READING THESE MUSINGS.

"THEN THE OLD MAN WALKS UP TO THE HILLTOP AND HE GIVES HER A DAISY-A-DAY."

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER

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A DAISY-A-DAY

HE REMEMBERS THE FIRST TIME HE MET HER,
HE REMEMBERS THE FIRST THING SHE SAID,
HE REMEMBERS THE FIRST TIME HE HELD HER,
AND THE NIGHT THAT SHE SAID THEY'D BE WED.
HE REMEMBERS HER SWEET WAY OF SAYING,
O, HONEY HAS SOMETHING GONE WRONG?
HE REMEMBERS THE FUN AND THE TEASIN'
AND THE REASON HE WROTE HER THIS SONG.

CHORUS

I'LL GIVE YOU A DAISY-A-DAY DEAR
I'LL GIVE YOU A DAISY-A-DAY
I'LL LOVE YOU UNTIL THE RIVERS RUN STILL
AND THE FOUR WINDS WE KNOW BLOW AWAY

THEY WOULD WALK DOWN THE STREET IN THE EVENING,
AND FOR YEARS I WOULD SEE THEM GO BY.
AND THE LOVE THAT WAS MORE,
AND THE CLOTHES THAT SHE WORE,
COULD BE SEEN IN THE GLEAM OF HIS EYES.
AS A KID THEY WOULD TAKE ME FOR CANDY,
WE'D HOLD HANDS WHILE WE WALKED TO THE CORNER,
AND THE OLD MAN WOULD SING HER THIS SONG.

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NOW HE WALKS DOWN THE STREET IN THE EVENING,
AND HE STOPS BY THE OLD CANDY STORE,
AND I SOME HOW BELIEVE HE'S BELIEVEN'
THAT HE'S HOLDING HER HAND LIKE BEFORE.
THOUGH HE SMILES AT THE THINGS SHE MIGHT SAY,
THEN THE OLD MAN WALKS UP TO THE HILLTOP
AND HE GIVES HER A DAISY-A-DAY.

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